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## US actor makes expletive-laden pro-Obama video

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US tough guy actor Samuel L. Jackson has made an expletive-laden video warning apathetic Americans to "Wake the Fxxx Up" and vote for President Barack Obama in November's election.

The "Pulp Fiction" star, known for playing bad-ass characters and who voiced a spoof audio book "Go the Fuck to Sleep" last year, is shown warning a family of the dangers of letting Mitt Romney into the White House by inaction.

In the fairytale-style video, exhausted parents tell their daughter to go back to bed when she suggests they should be working to re-elect Obama, like four years ago, rather than slouching in front of the television.

But Jackson, in trademark beret, appears from nowhere to admonish them, in rhyming couplets: "Sorry my friend, but there's no time to snore/An out-of-touch millionaire's just declared war."

"On schools, the environment, unions, fair pay/We're all on our own if Romney has his way/And he's against safety nets; if you fall, tough luck/ So I strongly suggest that you wake the fxxx up," he says, the expletive beeped out.

Even a pair of frisky grandparents are interrupted by the girl and Jackson, who warns them that Romney and running mate Paul Ryan will "gut Medicare if they're elected."

"What do you want us to do? asks the granny. "Say 'Hell, no motherfxxxxxs!'" shouts Jackson.

## A pat on the back for Aruba Tourism Authority on World Tourism Day

Yesterday was World Tourism Day, and Aruba's tourism marketing entity, the Aruba Tourism Authority, and the Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, welcomed stakeholders and partners in the industry for a celebratory and enlightening morning at the Hyatt Regency.

A new policy of the ATA, which was privatized in 2010, has been to mark the occasion by presenting their strategic plan for Aruba's tourism product, in a lively and informative manner. ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes gave an overview of the Strategic Tourism Plan and lofty goals for 2013.



**ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and guest speaker Susan Brooks**



### An Ecologically Sustainable parting gift

Prior to her informative talk, Minister Oduber officially welcomed the gathering, expounding on this year's theme "Tourism and Sustainable Energy." This tied into the third Aruba Green Energy Conference coming up October 3.

"Let us not forget that tourism is accountable for 67% of our GDP and 68 percent direct employment...and 29% of all monies invested in the island. This was prior to the closure of the Valero. These number certainly reflect the

importance of our tourism industry, and how much more important it has become."

The minister took great pride in the fact that within the last few years, Aruba's resorts that are "Green Certified," by impartial, international organizations, have grown from only four to ten facilities. He reminded the gathering of the increasing importance of tourism to the economy, particular with the confirmed closing of the refinery; he expects the community to co-

operate in integrating the flood of workers into the market into positions that will stimulate and help them maintain a standard of living to which they have become accustomed. As the Minister of Labor, he thanked the tourism partners for their part in helping to achieve this.

"Tourism can be a driver of change on all fronts," he continued, "social, cultural, political and environmental." He expressed the desire to see tourism partners and energy conservation efforts "coming closer together to spur the tourism sector closer to sustainability."

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Invoices for 2012 land taxes are dated July 27, 2012 and persons can choose to pay the amount in full or in increments of four. According to the law, the first and second due period is one month after receiving the bill, which was August 27th, 2012. The third and fourth pay periods fall on September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2012. For the third payment, clients are required to pay 25% of the invoiced amount. So that by October 1st, the client must have paid 75% of the invoiced bill. This is for those clients who do not have a special payment arrangement with the Tax Office.

### Payment Arrangement:

Those having financial difficulty can request a special payment arrangement for a 12 month payment plan. For a payment plan longer than 12 months will require the consideration and approval of one of the tax specialists at the Tax Office.

### Possible Restitution:

In the event the client is expecting restitution from a previous payment, and wishes to credit this to his outstanding invoice, the following conditions apply:

1. he must submit a written petition with a calculation of what will be the size of the expected restitution

2. he must have submitted all income tax return forms up to and including 2011

This petition will be duly evaluated and if honored, the client will pay the invoice when the definite income tax returns invoice is issued showing that there will be restitution. In such case the restitution will be deducted from the land tax invoice.

### In the event of non-payment:

In the event a client does not pay according to the time line or does not pay the required amount, the Tax Office may insist full payment be made immediately after the payment due date. Hence, it is important to make payment in accordance with the law. This will prevent any unnecessary inconveniences.

For more information regarding these arrangements, please consult the Customer Service section of the main office at Camacuri 2 or the Government Office in San Nicolas.

## Aruba YMCA says thanks to Boolchand's!



Aruba YMCA was simply delighted for having been chosen by Boolchand's to be the recipient of a much-needed gift. The gift was made possible by a special Back2School campaign which Boolchand's organized. For every purchase of a computer set during the school vacation, from July 6 to August 31, Boolchand's treated every purchaser with a free memory stick, a carrying case and an anti-virus program. They also decided to allocate a percentage of

every sale to the YMCA. According to Boolchand's Ravee Nandwani, they considered various foundations, but finally decided that the YMCA should be the recipient, they wanted to contribute to the work that the YMCA is doing for the youth of Aruba.

Secretary General of the YMCA, Anky Vrolijk, indicated that Boolchand's donation could not have come at a better time when they are working on their structure and have so many needs for

equipment. Anky Vrolijk expressed, in name of the staff, Board and personnel, the heartfelt gratitude of the YMCA to Ravee Nandwani for their generosity.

Aruba YMCA has two clubs, one in Dakota and one in San Nicolas. They both provide activities to benefit whole families but with a focus on our youth. The Y's activities include such activities as, the "tra'i merdia" which is a school homework guidance program, open air recreation, basketball court, etc. This year they organized a special vacation camp for our 60+ plussers from Club Kibrahacha, which was a first time for the YMCA

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## A pat on the back for Aruba Tourism Authority . . .

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**Tisa LaSorte and Jossy Lacle**

Being the largest and most powerful economic sector can result in the consequences and contributions being significant. A annual visitor increase of

nearly 30 over the last ten years, puts enormous strain on the island water and energy production ability, as well as significantly affecting the pro-



duction of waste; around 3.5 million kilos a year. He is heartened that the large resorts have made the effort to concentrate on energy and ecology saving practices.

Following the Minister, ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes took the floor to recount the encouraging growth numbers Aruba is experiencing in difficult times for almost any destination. They have streamlined their operation since privatization and ended 2011 with a 5 million Aruban florin surplus, in a time when budget surpluses from government agencies are a rare thing. The title of their strategic plan for the upcoming year is "Living up to the Commitment," and to excel as a tourism destination through sustainable development; to always be "two steps ahead."

For 2012, Aruba is already recording 2.3% growth over last year. This past August, the island set a new record for visitors in that month alone. For 2011, Aruba outpaced the region and the world in growth; comparing arrivals, Aruba had 5.7% growth, while the Caribbean had only 3.9% and



**Parliament Pres. Paul Croes and AHATA CEO Jim Hepple**

the world 4.6%. In regards to receipts for 2011, Aruba shows an increase of 8.6%, while the Caribbean only 1.3% and the entire world for tourism earnings, 3.9% growth.

ATA department heads Melanie Kelly, Guido Picus and Gloria Vega, explained how their department's updated strategies for the coming year will contribute to the whole. The rundown ended with the plan of expenditures in various the markets of U.S., Latin America and Europe for 2013.

It is the practice of the annual celebration to engage a

lively speaker specializing in marketing and service. This year it was Susan Brooks, of Serves You Right! Her topic differentiated between "Customer Service," and "Service Enthusiasm," and the competitive edge of the latter.

In keeping with the day's theme of sustainability, guests were handed a parting gift of an ATA eco-friendly, recycled and reusable shopping bag, with the reminder to use it rather than plastic bags that are not biodegradable and blight the landscape.

by Rosalie Klein

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## Healthy Schools' Project off to good start



Various government ministries are combining efforts in support of a project dubbed, "Healthy Schools" (Scol Saludabel). At the kick off of the project, Minister Dowry indicated that it is essential that they work towards an integral management for our youth and that this project is a good example of collaboration between the various government ministries.

A healthy school is one that stimulates health, well-being and security of students and staff in an integral and structured manner. To achieve this, there must first be an evaluation at the school to identify areas needing attention and areas of preoccupation. Five primary schools have already undergone this evaluative period. These schools are: Paulus School,

Mon Plaisir Basis School, Mon Plaisir Kleuterschool, Cacique Macuarima and Scol Basico Kudawecha. These schools are participating in the pilot project... "A healthy community where schools support a better quality of life."

Three Ministers have made commitments to guarantee the fundamental rights of our children. One aspect that was highlighted is the fact that there are certain conditions under which children are being taught in some schools that deserve the government's attention.

The Minister of Education had words of praise for the work that the Department of Education is doing, as well as for the valuable contribution of the Department of Social Affairs and the Public Health Department. Each is contributing to the success of the Healthy Schools project.

Several other programs were cited, such as the Multiple Disciplinary Center (MDC), the Conscious Discipline program, and the Safe Schools project, all having to do with improving the well-being of each student from the moment of birth up to adolescence.

These programs, indeed and in fact, are making a positive difference in the lives of Aruban kids in our local schools.



## Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Casino & Spa celebrates International Housekeeping Week



During the week of September 9 to 15, Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Casino & Spa ([www.aruba.hyatt.com](http://www.aruba.hyatt.com)) celebrated "International Housekeeping Week". The resort celebrated the week with all its Housekeeping Department associates with different fun filled activities, one for every day of the week.

The week started with a breakfast for the Housekeepers. Afterwards the associates enjoyed different activities, among others Bingo and a "Bed Making" competition.

There were lots of raffles and prizes, a potluck" dish that 4 associates of the Housekeeping Department cooked for their colleagues. The celebration took place in the Housekeeping office, which was nicely decorated with balloons and garlands giving it a pleasant ambiance. The associates also enjoyed a BBQ on the resort's patio accompanied by music and dancing.

The Housekeeping Department associates were warmly congratulated – and also served - by other departments.

According to the associates this appreciation week is very important to them; it motivates and encourages them to excel



in their jobs.

Photos show the Housekeeping Department enjoying their week. It is Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Casino & Spa's

way to say 'thank you' to all the associates for their good job performance, their collaboration certainly help exalt the hotel's quality.

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## This week's schedule of "Bus di Salud"



IBISA – Instituto Biba Saludabel y Activo (Live Healthy and Active Institute) wishes to share this week's schedule of the "Bus di Salud"

During the hours the health bus is stationed in mentioned districts, inhabitants of the vicinity are welcome to come and visit the bus, learn of the different services the bus offers and also take advantage of the opportunity to check one's blood sugar, pressure and weight for free.

### Saturday, September 29

In front of Kooyman building; Avenida Watty Vos From 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### Sunday, September 30 - Santa Cruz

The Health Bus will be part of the "Youth EXPO" Centro Deportivo Libertador Betico Croes in Sta. Cruz. From 10 am – 2 p.m.

IBISA invites the whole community, but especially the barrios and neighborhoods the bus will be visiting in the coming days to come out and learn all about the Health Bus.

IBISA keeps on working to make the Aruban community aware on the importance of taking care of our health, while at the same time promoting a healthy lifestyle thru being active and moving.

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## YMCA Plans "Teen Day's Out" for upcoming school vacation



In addition to their traditional children's camp for kids 4 to 12 years of age, the YMCA has organized a special program for older kids in the upcoming school vacation. This special program called, Teen Day's Out is for kids ages 13 to 16 and is designed to get kids involved in sound social activities, activities they will enjoy, like Positive Graffiti.

During the special camp, the children will enjoy social games, a 3-on-3 Basketball Mix, a 4-on-4 Volleyball Mix and a search hunt. The program is scheduled to take place next week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 4:00 pm in the afternoon to 8:00 at night. Admissions fee is Afls.25 for non Y members. Y members

are admitted free of charge.

Kids are encouraged to not sit at home during these days of vacation, but to get out and participate in this fun YMCA activity making new friends and enjoying good times with other young people.

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## International news

### Abbas seeks super observer status for Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - President Mahmud Abbas sought a new super observer UN status yesterday for Palestinians as he condemned Israel's settlement campaign in the occupied territories as "ethnic cleansing."

One year after his emotional bid for full membership of the United Nations, Abbas returned to the UN General Assembly to warn that Israel's tactics were a sign that it "rejects the two-state solution."

He called on the UN Security Council to pass a binding resolution setting out a path to end the two-year deadlock in talks between the Palestinians and Israel.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed the speech as "libelous." Abbas also faced condemnation from the Hamas government in Gaza. But the Palestinian leader earned a new standing ovation from the UN audience.

The Palestinians' bid for full UN membership has been blocked at the Security Council by the United States. So Abbas returned to seek a more modest strengthening of the Palestinians' existing UN observer status.

He said he would seek a vote at the UN General Assembly in the coming months to approve Palestine as a "non-member state of the United

Nations."

As a permanent Security Council member, the United States can veto any council resolution backing full membership for the Palestinians.

But no country can block a resolution in the General Assembly, where an overwhelming majority of the 193 members states would back Abbas.

"We are confident that the vast majority of the countries of the world support our endeavor, aimed at salvaging the chances for a just peace," Abbas said.

Direct Israel-Palestinian negotiations have been frozen for two years. Abbas refuses talks, while Israel continues to build and approve new Jewish settlements.

The United States condemns the Israeli construction but protects its close ally from UN criticism.

"Developments over the past year have confirmed what we have persistently drawn attention to and warned of: the catastrophic danger of the racist Israeli settlement of our country, Palestine," Abbas said, lashing out at "attacks by terrorist militias of Israeli settlers."

He said the new settlements and in and around Jerusalem and demolition of Palestinian homes are "a campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Palestinian people."

## US: Libya assault was planned, 'terrorist' attack

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said yesterday the deadly assault on a US consulate in Libya was a planned "terrorist" attack but that it remained unclear if Al-Qaeda had a hand in the incident.

President Barack Obama's administration has offered varied explanations as to who may have been behind the September 11 attack on the American diplomatic mission in Benghazi, drawing criticism from Republican opponents weeks before a US presidential election.

Panetta, repeating Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's comments on Wednesday, said the assault was a "terrorist attack" and also suggested that it took days for the US government to

conclude extremists had launched an orchestrated assault.

"As we determined the details of what took place there, and how that attack took place, that it became clear that there were terrorists who had planned that attack, and that's when I came to that conclusion," he said. "It took a while to really get some of the feedback from what exactly happened at that location."

Some Republican lawmakers have alleged that the Obama administration knew almost immediately afterward that Al-Qaeda was involved in the Benghazi attack, which killed the US ambassador to Libya and three of his staff.

But Panetta said it was too soon to say whether Al-Qaeda

or Al-Qaeda-linked groups had a role in the incident.

"As to who was involved, what specific groups were involved, I think the investigation that is ongoing hopefully will determine that," said the former CIA director.

The US military's top officer, General Martin Dempsey, told the same press conference that there had been no warning of a direct threat to the American mission in Benghazi before the attack.

"There was a thread of intelligence reporting that groups in the environment in... eastern Libya were seeking to coalesce, but there wasn't anything specific and certainly not a specific threat to the consulate that I'm aware of," the general said.

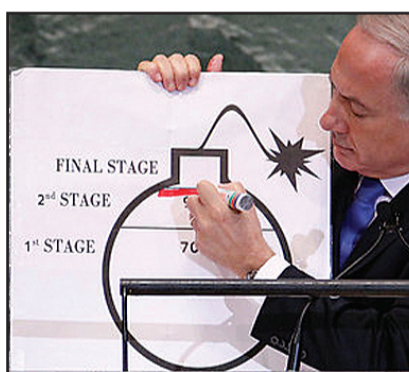
## Israeli leader demands Iran 'red line' at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu flourished his marker pen on the floor of the United Nations yesterday to draw a literal red line across Iran's alleged nuclear ambitions.

The dramatic intervention, in which he used a cartoonish graph based on a diagram of a bomb with a lit fuse to represent Iran's enrichment program, was designed to underscore what he said was an imminent threat.

"The hour is getting late, very late," the prime minister declared, warning that Iran was on course to enrich enough uranium to arm a nuclear device by as early as mid-2013, and demanding that the world intervene to halt it.

"At this late hour, there is only one way to peacefully prevent Iran from getting atomic bombs -- and that is by placing a clear red line on Iran's nuclear weapons program," he de-



clared, deploying his red pen.

"To be credible, a red line must be drawn first and foremost in one vital part of their program -- on Iran's efforts to enrich uranium."

Citing reports from UN nuclear watchdog the International Energy Agency, Netanyahu said that Tehran had already amassed 70 percent of the enriched uranium that it needed despite international economic sanctions.

Netanyahu was apparently referring to a report from the

IAEA in August that said Iran had stockpiled 184 kilos of uranium enriched to a 20 percent level, which must be further enriched to 90 percent purity for use in a bomb.

The Islamic republic says it needs to enrich the uranium to the 20 percent level for a medical research reactor, but Israel and much of the West worry it will be put back into the centrifuges and refined to weapons grade.

"By next spring, at most by next summer at current enrichment rates, they will have finished the medium enrichment and moved on to the final stage," the Israeli leader said, referring to the process of creating bomb fuel. "From there it's only a few months, possibly a few weeks, before they get enough enriched uranium for the first bomb. Nothing could imperil our future more than an Iran armed with nuclear weapons."

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## Nigerian environmental activist receives human rights prize

OSLO (AFP) - The Rafto Prize, a Norwegian human rights award, was awarded to Nigerian environmentalist Nnimmo Bassey yesterday for his campaigning on behalf of victims of climate change and environmental damage.

"Nnimmo Bassey links human rights to the climate by demonstrating how climate change has the greatest effect on the world's most vulnerable people, the very people who have contributed least to the problem in the first place," the Rafto Foundation said.

Heading up several environmental organisations, 54-year-old Bassey has been a vocal champion of the rights of people in the Niger Delta, a region heavily polluted by oil production.

Life expectancy in the area is only 41 years, compared with 48 years in the rest of Nigeria, which is Africa's

biggest oil producer, the foundation noted.

"By awarding its annual prize to Nnimmo Bassey, the Rafto Foundation underlines how the challenges we face regarding climate and the environment also have a human rights aspect," the foundation said.

Bassey told AFP in Lagos, Nigeria's economic capital, that the award was important because it stressed the link between environmental rights and human rights.

He pointed to the example of impoverished Niger Delta residents who live amongst gas flaring and polluted waters that used to be fishing grounds.

Bassey's group Environmental Rights Action has been the most prominent tracking pollution in the delta recently, issuing detailed reports when spills are reported and pressuring the government and oil

firms to take action.

He said the struggle for improvements in the delta has seen some progress in recent years, but still has an extremely long way to go.

A landmark report from the UN's environmental agency in August 2011 said decades of oil pollution in Ogoniland, part of the Niger Delta, may require the world's biggest clean-up.

"One year has passed and the government is still sleeping," he said of the release of the report.

Bassey said government agencies must be strengthened -- both with enforcement powers and equipment to carry out their jobs -- in order to prevent pollution and properly investigate when oil spills occur.

The prize sum of \$20,000 will be awarded to Bassey on November 4 in Bergen in southwestern Norway.

## International news

### Militants seize control of Iraq prison

TIKRIT (AFP) - Militants seized control of a prison in the Iraqi city of Tikrit last night after fierce clashes with guards that left at least two dead and allowed some prisoners to escape.

The assault comes after Al-Qaeda's Iraqi front group announced a campaign to regain territory and said it aimed to help its jailed members escape.

"The attackers are controlling all the entrances and exits and the observation towers, and ... security forces are surrounding the prison," Salaheddin provincial deputy governor Ahmed Abdul Jabbar Abdul Karim told AFP by telephone.

A police officer put the toll from attack at four police and two gunmen killed.

Police Lieutenant General Rashid Fleih, the head of the Samarra Operations Com-

mand, said on Sharqiya television that prisoners had escaped from the Tikrit prison, and that 13 were captured, while a small number were still at large.

Accounts differed as to whether the unrest began with an outside assault, a riot inside the prison, or possibly both.

The tactics employed in the assault were reminiscent of those used in attacks in July and August.

Al-Qaeda's front group the Islamic State of Iraq said in July that it was launching a "new military campaign aimed at recovering territory."

An earlier message posted on jihadist forums said the ISI would begin targeting judges and prosecutors, and try to help its prisoners break out of jails.

### 'Death flights' trial to begin October 26

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - The "death flights" trial -- over the alleged practice of throwing live prisoners into the sea during Argentina's 1976-1983 dictatorship -- will begin October 26, a lawyer for the victims said yesterday.

The trial is part of an ongoing effort to investigate crimes against humanity committed at a notorious naval school, ESMA. The first hearings were conducted in 2011 and resulted in several life sentences.

But victims' lawyer Rodolfo Yanzon complained this latest trial was not garner-

ing enough attention from prosecutors.

Seven will be tried, including Julio Poch, a 59-year-old Dutch national and a former Argentine naval pilot who was extradited from Spain in May 2010, eight months after his arrest at an airport in Valencia.

At the time of his arrest, he was working as a pilot for Transavia, a subsidiary of Air France and KLM.

Hundreds of prisoners from ESMA were thrown alive into rivers or the sea from military aircraft.



**SYDNEY:** Sharks that stray too close to beaches on Australia's west coast will be caught and killed under a new government plan in response to an unprecedented spate of fatalities. Western Australia Premier Colin Barnett unveiled a Aus\$6.85 million (US\$7.12 million) package in shark mitigation strategies, including a track, catch and destroy program in the wake of five fatal attacks over the past year. Fisheries Minister Norman Moore said the move would enable "proactive action" as soon as a shark was detected close to beachgoers instead of waiting for the animal to strike.

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## Health & Living

### Higher risk of divorce for couples sharing housework: study

OSLO (AFP) - Couples who share housework duties run a higher risk of divorce than couples where the woman does most of the chores, a Norwegian study sure to get tongues wagging showed on Thursday.

The divorce rate among couples who shared housework equally was around 50 percent higher than among those where the woman did most of the work.

"The more a man does in the home, the higher the divorce rate," Thomas Hansen, co-author of the study entitled "Equality in the Home", told AFP.

"In these modern couples, women also have a high level of education and a well-paid job, which makes them less dependent on their spouse financially. They can manage much easier if they divorce," he said.

There were only some mar-

ginal aspects where researchers said there may be cause-and-effect.

"Maybe it's sometimes seen as a good thing to have very clear roles with lots of clarity ... where one person is not stepping on the other's toes," Hansen suggested.

In Norway, which has long tradition of gender equality, childrearing is generally shared equally between mothers and fathers (in seven out of 10 couples), said Hansen, speaking notably from a park where he was minding his children.

But when it comes to housework, women in Norway still account for most of it in seven out of 10 couples.

The study also pointed out however that those women were largely satisfied with the situation, and their overall happiness was very close to those women who lived in "modern" couples.



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### Uruguay poised to legalize abortion

MONTEVIDEO (AFP) - Uruguay is set to become only the second Latin American country to legalize abortion, after a vote in its legislature giving a woman the right, under certain conditions, to terminate an unwanted pregnancy.

Uruguay becomes only the second Latin American country to legalize abortion, after Cuba in 1965. English-speaking Guyana approved it in 1995.

The legislation approved on Tuesday, which would legalize abortions in the first 12 weeks, drew criticism from some supporters of choice who say it does not go far enough.

It also was criticized, however, by abortion opponents who insist that all life is sacred -- including a fetus in its first trimester of pregnancy.

The bill, inspired by similar

legislation in place in some European countries, would allow a first trimester abortion only after a woman has consulted a team of three medical professionals on the potential risks of terminating a pregnancy.

They also are required to advise the woman about alternatives to ending the pregnancy, including adoption and social welfare programs that could help her to care for a newborn infant.

At present, abortion here is punishable by nine months in prison for the woman and up to two years for the doctor performing the abortion.

There are no statistics on illegal abortions in Uruguay, a small country of 3.3 million inhabitants, but non-governmental groups estimate their number to be around 30,000 per year.

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**WIKI LEAKS NEWS** - Julian Assange claimed in a live video address broadcast during an event parallel to the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday that Bradley Manning, the U.S. Army soldier accused of providing classified intelligence to WikiLeaks, has been tortured while imprisoned. Assange was careful not to confirm that Manning was involved in any intelligence leak -- the words "alleged" or "allegedly" appearing throughout the speech. He also accused the U.S. of excessively prosecuting whistleblowers, while calling on the American government to "cease its persecution of WikiLeaks, to cease its persecution of our people and to cease its persecution of our alleged sources." Assange fears extradition to Sweden would mean being sent to the U.S., which he claims has secret charges against him relating to WikiLeaks' release of classified American military and diplomatic cables. The U.S. has denied those claims, but a report from the Sydney Morning Herald claims that the United States has classified Assange and WikiLeaks as "enemies of the state."



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## Sci-Tech

### Sculpture taken by Nazis likely made from meteorite



The "iron man" statue is thought to be a depiction of the god Vaisravana, the Buddhist King of the North, aka the Hindu deity Kubera, report German researchers led by Elmar Buchner of the University of Stuttgart. The statue was probably carved about 1,000 years ago. The researchers started testing the statue's origins in 2007 after its auction to a collector, who allowed it to be tested.

The sculpture, it turns out, was probably carved from a 15,000-year-old meteorite, researchers report.

Complicating the investigation, the 23-pound "iron man" has a peculiar history. A Tibetan expedition organized by

Nazi SS chief Heinrich Himmler and led by zoologist Ernst Schöfer discovered the statue in 1938. The expedition probably brought the statue to Germany because of the swastika carved in its center, a good luck sign that existed in Tibetan culture long before the Nazis appropriated it as the symbol of their racist ideology.

Chemistry tests show the statue's iron matches fragments of the "Chinga" meteorite field found near the Tibetan-Mongolian border in 1913 by gold prospectors, the study says. A large chunk of that meteorite -- the third largest known from the meteorite field -- was probably carved into the statue,

### Happy 14th Birthday - Google



**NEW YORK** -- Google celebrated its 14th birthday Thursday. It was in 1998 that its two founders -- Sergey Brin and Larry Page -- had the company incorporated in California. So, what can you do to celebrate 14 years? Three suggestions: Check out today's Google Doodle- Check out what Google looked like when it was new (archive.org) - Read about Google's history. and Oh, you can just search Google.com as you do every day.

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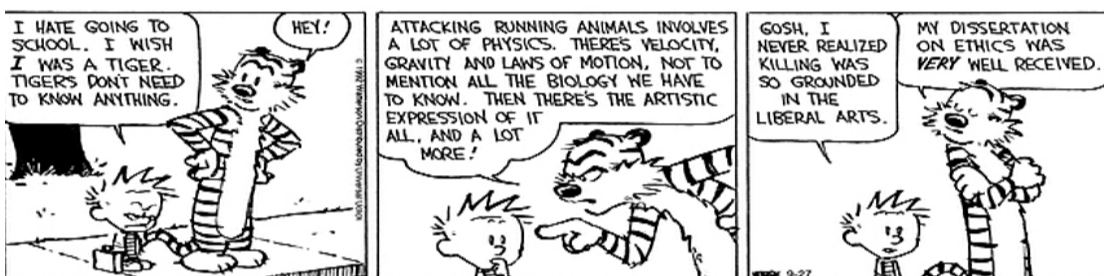
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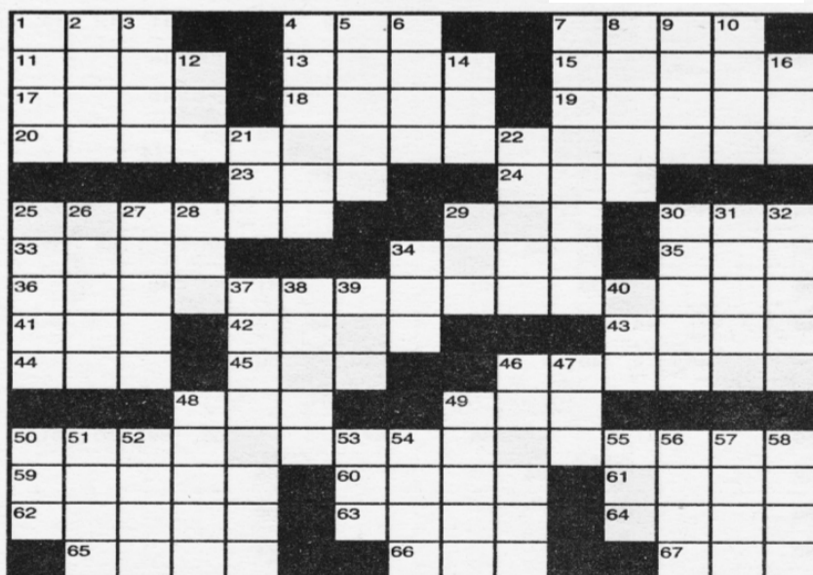
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4. Abraham's sacrifice
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18. Post-adoption decision
19. Singer Cleo or Frankie
20. Mary Lennox's discovery
23. Sharp-shooter's talent
24. Slugger Mel
25. One of Honda's big sellers
29. Routine
30. Totality
33. Broadway performance
34. Assistant
35. Barnyard sound
36. "Better \_\_\_" (magazine)
41. Sooner than, in poetry
42. Cote sounds
43. Playwright William
44. Bottom line
45. Leftover
46. Bane of the allergic
48. "Rubbish!"
49. Acted
50. Paradise, to Peter Rabbit
59. Cheaper
60. High ranking

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61. Commedia dell'\_\_\_
62. Imbiber
63. Go for a ringer
64. Glazier's piece
65. Information
66. Gerbil, e.g.
67. "Thriller" follow-up
1. Narrow board
2. Luxurious
3. Contribute to the poker pot
4. Like spoiled butter
5. Morning sound
6. "Auntie \_\_\_"
7. Spray, as with mud
8. Pump of a sort
9. "Idylls of the King" woman
10. Swede's neighbor
12. Propane, e.g.
14. Universal backdrop
16. Football announcer Dawson
21. Lobed item
22. Red-coated cheese
25. Pale
26. Tedious task
27. Josephine's cleanser
28. Be in debt
29. Fix
30. Change a law
31. Hope or Jessica
32. Hologram creator
34. Commercial notices
37. Vespas, e.g.
38. Body artery
39. Denying word
40. Brouhaha
46. Assimilate
47. Toothpullers' org.
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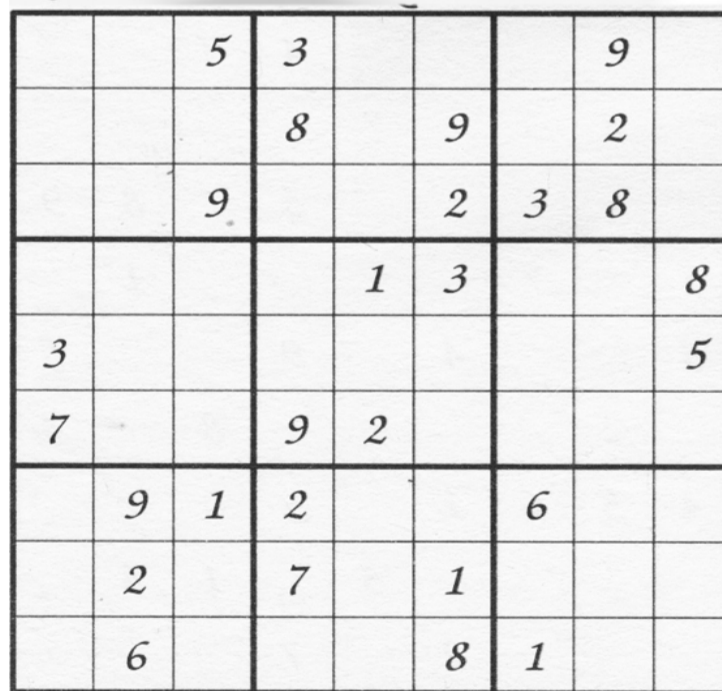
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5	1	6	2	8	9	7	4	3
8	2	7	1	4	9	5	6	3
4	8	3	7	5	1	6	2	9
9	7	5	6	2	8	4	1	3
1	6	2	9	4	5	8	7	3

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### Jobless claims fall by 26,000



Applications for jobless benefits decreased 26,000 to 359,000 in the week ended Sept. 22, the lowest since July, US Labor Department figures showed yesterday. Durable goods orders, a measure of demand for capital equipment and machinery like turbines, fell 13 percent in August, and the economy grew 1.3 percent in the second quarter, less than previously forecast, the Commerce Department reported yesterday.

### Spain tightens austerity screw in 2013 budget

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's government yesterday unveiled a 2013 budget that tightens austerity even in the teeth of growing protests, easing the path to a widely expected sovereign bailout.

The 2013 budget promises to meet Madrid's public deficit targets despite a deepening recession, a jobless rate of nearly 25 percent and a surge in interest rate payments on the nation's debt.

Only old-age pensioners were spared in the slew of cuts, aimed at ensuring Spain complies with its commitment to the European Union to get the public deficit under control.

"It is a budget for a period of crisis, but aimed at getting

out of this crisis," Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria told a news conference after a cabinet meeting.

Defying growing market doubts, Spain vowed to meet its target of slashing the deficit from 8.9 percent of total output last year to 6.3 percent this year, 4.5 percent in 2013 and 2.8 percent in 2014.

"It is a major commitment to reducing the public deficit but also oriented towards economic growth and creating employment" Budget Minister Cristobal Montoro told a news conference.

To stay on track with its deficit goals, the government introduces a raft of measures in addition to a previously announced increase in sales and income taxes.

The Popular Party government will start taxing lottery winnings above 2,500 euros at 20 percent, extend wealth taxes for another year and curb corporate tax breaks for depreciation.

To reassure markets of Spain's determination to meet its deficit-cutting targets, the government announced it would create an independent fiscal authority to check any budget slippages.

### Britain's Cameron warns Brazil against protectionism

SAO PAULO (AFP) - Visiting British Prime Minister David Cameron, in an interview published yesterday, warned emerging power Brazil against protectionism and called for expanded bilateral trade, notably in the energy and bio-science sectors.

"To try to isolate and protect industry from competition can benefit the domestic industry, but this carries long-term costs and prevents the development of a truly competitive and innovative industrial base," according to excerpts in Portuguese of the interview with the daily Folha de Sao Paulo.

Cameron, who arrived here yesterday after attending the UN General Assembly in New York, said he would deliver his anti-protectionism message when he meets with Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff in Brasilia today.

Brazil has adopted stimulus measures to prop up its struggling domestic industry which has been reeling from declining competitiveness in the face of surging imports, notably from Asia, and the apprecia-

ting national currency.

Cameron opened his visit in Sao Paulo, Brazil's economic capital, where he will hold talks aimed at convincing corporate leaders that Britain is "a country worth doing business with."

Accompanied by a large business delegation including British Trade Minister Stephen Green and Minister of State for the Foreign Office Hugo Swire, he huddled with Paulo Skaf, president of the powerful Federation of Industries of the State of Sao Paulo.

In his interview, Cameron said one of his government's top priorities was to establish links with the world's fastest growing economies to spur prosperity at home.

"Brazil is a country where Britain has not taken advantage of opportunities in the past," Cameron noted, pointing out that Britain supplies only 1.5 percent of Brazilian imports compared with 6.4 percent by Germany.

British exports to Brazil were up 15 percent year-on-year in the first six months of 2011 and 10 percent in the second half of the year, according to the Foreign Office.

And Britain plans to boost its exports to Brazil to £4 billion (five billion euros, 6.5 billion dollars) by 2015, it added.

"I want to show what Britain has to offer: expertise in some of the import sectors

most important in Brazil such as energy and biological sciences, services we can offer in education, sciences, innovation," Cameron told Folha de Sao Paulo.

But he stressed the need for "a stable, consistent and transparent business environment."

"Companies need clarity, trust and the certainty that their investment decisions have a solid basis," he added.

Brazil's state-owned energy giant Petrobras needs foreign investment and technology to meet the country's goal of doubling its oil production from around two million barrels a day currently to nearly five million by 2020, largely thanks to the pre-salt reserves.

The National Petroleum Agency estimates that the huge pre-salt reserves, discovered in 2007 off the southeast coast, could hold more than 100 billion barrels of high-quality recoverable crude and could turn Brazil into one of the world's top exporters.

With the pre-salt, Brazil's crude reserves would jump from the current 13.9 billion barrels to 55 billion barrels, according to the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ).

British Foreign Secretary William Hague in January paid his first official visit to Brazil, Latin America's powerhouse which in December displaced Britain as the world's sixth largest economy,

### Gujarat: most attractive investment destination

INDIA -- India's largest passenger carmaker Maruti Suzuki India, global auto makers Ford and PSA Peugeot Citroen, US-based pharma giant Abbott, Israel's Teva, FMCG behemoths Amway and Colgate as well as Nestle all have something in common.

They all chose Gujarat, being touted as the most business-savvy state in the country, for setting up their manufacturing plants.

Already home to Reliance and Essar, Gujarat has also caught the fancy of a large number of corporate heavyweights over the past year. And many more are vying to enter the state.



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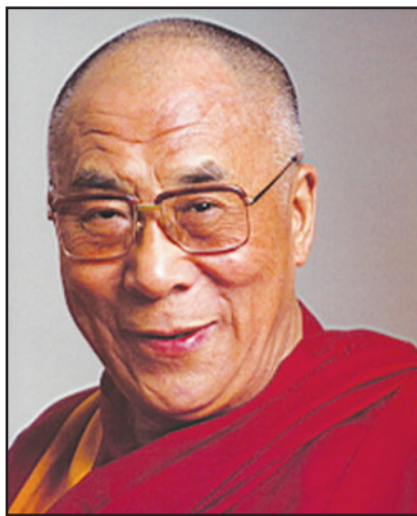
## Dalai Lama sees chance of change in Tibet

DHARAMSHALA (AFP) - The Dalai Lama held out the possibility Thursday that an upcoming change in China's leadership offered the chance of a new approach in Tibet.

"The new leadership must use common sense and a more holistic view to serve long term-interest. There is no other way," the spiritual leader said in an interview with the BBC.

"Just using force, censorship and to remain a closed society is almost like suicide. Judging that way, I feel there is possibility of a real chance to change."

The Tibetans' exiled political leadership said earlier this week that the region had been turned into a giant prison amid



a spate of self-immolations to protest Chinese rule.

Exiles are holding a four-day general meeting in their base in Dharamshala in northern India, the first such gather-

ing since the Dalai Lama formally withdrew last year from political duties to focus on his religious obligations.

Xi Jinping, who is expected to be named as China's president in an imminent leadership change in Beijing, has set off a ripple of speculation that he may bring about a change of policy towards Tibet.

One reason is that Xi's father, Xi Zhongxun, met and came to know the Dalai Lama in Beijing in the early 1950s, before the Tibetan spiritual leader fled a failed uprising.

Xi senior, a party official at the time, later became a liberal vice premier known to be sympathetic towards minorities, and Tibetan exiles and analysts raise the possibility that such thinking may have passed down a generation.

"His father was familiar with Tibet and had an association with the Dalai Lama," Lobsang Sangay, prime minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile, told AFP earlier this week. "Whether the son can be like the father is still to be seen," he told AFP. "Tibetans are always hopeful."

Beijing insists that Tibet is an integral part of China and that the Dalai Lama is determined to split the Himalayan region from the rest of the country -- though he says he only seeks greater autonomy and religious freedom.

### Actor dead in Hollywood murder mystery

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Johnny Lewis (28), an ex-boyfriend of singer Katy Perry known for his role in TV series "Sons of Anarchy," either jumped or fell to his death after attacking an 81-year-old woman at her house in the Los Feliz neighborhood east of Hollywood.

Neighbors heard a screaming woman mid-morning Wednesday and alerted police, who found a woman dead inside the house, from blunt trauma. She was later identified as Catherine Davis, who rented rooms to boarders.

The actor's body was found outside on the driveway. He may have rented a room in the house.

The actor has also appeared in the teen TV series "Drake and Josh" and the police series "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" in 2006.

## Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



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An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

### The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses range from Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters,

caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

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parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All

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## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5

fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger. 5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from



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## SPORTS

### Golf: Format guide for Ryder Cup

CHICAGO (AFP) - The 39th edition of golf's biggest team event gets under way at Chicago's Medinah Country Club today, in what is being billed as a tight match.

A guide to the format used for the Ryder Cup match between the United States and Europe at Medinah Country Club from September 28-30:-

#### MATCH PLAY

All games are played under Match Play rules, where the result of each game is determined by the number of holes won. The order of play for the first two days is fourballs in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon. The final day's play will be in Singles format.

#### FOURSOMES (four groups of two two-man teams)

"Foursomes" play is a match where two golfers play together against two other golfers and each team plays one ball. The golfers play alternate shots (player A hits tee shot, player B hits second shot, etc) until the hole is played out. Team members alternate playing the tee shots, with one golfer hitting the tee shot on odd-numbered holes, and the other hitting the tee shot on the even-numbered holes. The team with the better score wins the hole. Should the two teams tie for best score, the

hole is halved.

#### FOURBALL (four groups of two two-man teams)

"Fourball" play is a match in which each member of the two-man teams plays their own ball. Four balls are in play per hole with each of the four players competing. The team whose player has the lowest score on that hole wins the hole. Should players from each team tie for the best score, the hole is halved.

#### SINGLES (12 groups of two one-man teams)

"Singles" is a match in which one player competes against another player. A player wins the match when he is up by more holes than there are holes remaining to play.

#### PAIRINGS

Each Team Captain independently submits the order of play for his Team to the appointed tournament official. The lists from each Captain are matched, resulting in the "Pairings". Players in pairings can be modified by the Team Captains only if a player is ill or injured. Pairings are subject to change and should not be considered final until play begins for a particular match.

The last 17 years has seen Europe dominate the United States in the Ryder Cup as never before winning six out of

eight times including the last matchup at Celtic Manor, Wales.

Meanwhile the US-based British chat show host Piers Morgan has bet Bill Clinton \$100 that Europe is going to "hammer" the Americans and win the biennial Ryder Cup golf tournament at the weekend.

Morgan, who interviewed the former US president on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York this week, said he was confident of winning the bet, which was for charity.

### Baseball: Astros next manager

HOUSTON (AFP) - Bo Porter, a third-base coach for the Major League Baseball playoff-bound Washington Nationals, has been named as the next manager of the Houston Astros.

Porter will remain with the Nationals as long as they remain in the Major League Baseball playoffs before taking over the Astros, who fired Brad Mills last month and replaced him with interim manager Tony DeFrancesco.

The Astros, who went a team record-worst 56-106 last year, are flirted with breaking that mark with a 51-105 record with six games remaining in the season.

Porter will lead the Astros into new territory next season when the club switches from the National to the American League in order to balance the number of teams in each league at 15.

The Astros have played in the National League since being established in 1962.

Porter, 40, played three major league seasons from 1999-2001 with the Texas, Oakland and the Chicago Cubs. He also served as an assistant coach with the Florida Marlins and Arizona.

### Cricket: World Twenty20



PALLEKELE (AFP) - West Indies beat defending champions England by 15 runs in a World Twenty20 Super Eights group one match at Pallekele stadium yesterday. West Indies made a challenging 179-5 in their 20 overs on the back of half-centuries from openers Johnson Charles and Chris Gayle before restricting England to 164-4 in their allotted overs. While Sri Lanka beat New Zealand in a one over eliminator after the 40-over Super Eights contest was sensationally tied at Pallekele stadium. With both teams inseparable on 174 runs at the end of 40 overs a "super over" round was played for the result. New Zealand 174-7 in 20 overs (R. Nicol 58); Sri Lanka 174-6 in 20 overs (T. Dilshan 76) Pakistan play South Africa while India meet Australia in group two Super Eights matches in Colombo today. Top two teams from each group will qualify for semi-finals.



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## Golf: Simpson set to make an impression

CHICAGO (AFP) - US Open champ Webb Simpson is ready to make an impact in the 2012 Ryder Cup as one of four rookies on the US team. Simpson, who came from four back in the final round to win the US Open, is hoping to put the finishing touches on his stellar 2012 season with a Ryder Cup victory.

"I made over \$6 million last

year and I made about half that this year, but I feel like I'm a better player than I was last year," he said.

The 27-year-old Simpson has been on a steady rise to stardom. He earned his first two victories in the 2011 season, winning the Wyndham Championship and the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Simpson said today's start of play can't come soon enough for the four rookies.

Keegan Bradley, Brandt Snedeker, and Jason Dufner are the three other US- rookies.

The United States appears to be the stronger side to win, but if not it's just another loss, which will quickly become an American habit in the Ryder Cup.

## Baseball: Acta axed as Indians manager

CLEVELAND (AFP) - Manny Acta was fired as manager of the Cleveland Indians on Thursday with the Major League Baseball club having slid to an American League-worst 65-91 with six games remaining in the season.

Sandy Alomar Jr will serve as interim manager for the Indians over the final week of the campaign.

Acta, hired by the Indians after the 2009 season, went 214-266 in almost three full seasons at Cleveland.

"Managerial changes are never easy or taken lightly, but as we approached the end of the season and turned our attention to assessing the year, we determined a change was necessary," Indians executive vice president and general manager Chris Antonetti said.

"Manny's passion for the game, positive attitude and tremendous knowledge of baseball helped guide us to a number of high points during his tenure."

## Football: Terry gets four-match ban



LONDON (AFP) - Chelsea captain John Terry was given a four-match ban by the Football Association (FA) after being found guilty of racially abusing Queens Park Rangers' Anton Ferdinand on Thursday. An FA statement said an independent regulatory commission had issued a suspension for a period of four matches and a fine of £220,000 (\$356,722, 276,000 euros) pending appeal. Terry's representatives said he was "disappointed" by the decision and would consider his position before deciding whether to appeal. Terry had hoped his courtroom acquittal would be the end of the matter, as the FA's rule book states that the result of any previous legal action concerning the same matter will be "presumed to be correct". He admitted in court he used racist language against Ferdinand but said he was merely repeating what he believed Ferdinand had accused him of saying.

## NHL: Remainder of tuneups wiped out as talks loom

NEW YORK (AFP) - National Hockey League officials announced yesterday they were calling off the remainder of the pre-season exhibition schedule because of the ongoing lockout in a money dispute with players.

The NHL had already called off all pre-season games through this coming Sunday as a result of the inability to sign a new collective bargaining agreement with players to replace the one that expired September 15.

Talks between NHL officials and the NHL Players Association were scheduled to resume today, the first negotiations since the league imposed the lockout. League officials have kept the week-end open for talks as well.

"We have agreed on an agenda of topics that we think can lead to productive discussions and agreement, and we hope that it will be constructive to the overall process," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said.

"We're 100 percent focused on not missing any regular-season games and hopefully we can achieve that objective."

The NHL's 2012-2013 regular season is scheduled to start on October 11, meaning clubs would have less than two weeks to assemble teams and conduct workouts even if a deal should be reached this weekend.

Players have received 57 percent of revenues under the old deal while NHL team owners have pushed for as much as 57 percent for themselves in a new contract in the wake of gains by owners in NFL and NBA lockouts last year.

NHL revenues have grown from \$2.1 billion to \$3.3 billion since a lockout wiped out the entire 2004-2005 NHL season.

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## Robert Hinds to offer Martial Arts Training on Aruba



The government has requested Aruba's Mixed Martial Arts clubs to upgrade the martial arts sport on Aruba. Reportedly, the introduction of mixed martial arts (MMA) did not go very well on Aruba. Tournaments were being played as "cock fights" and not in the professional manner as it is intended. From those in the know, it is said that MMA is an extreme sport and contrary to the "cock fight" style, it is a professional sport with proper rules.

The government has urged supporters of the sport to discontinue fights "outside the ring."

MMA has rules to protect fighters and it has been med-

ically proven that because there are fewer repeat blows in this sport, permanent cerebral damage is much less than in the sport of boxing.

In support of MMA, Robert Hinds will be visiting Aruba to offer instruction about what is MMA and how to use MMA correctly. He will assist in putting MMA on a much better footing on Aruba. It is believed that MMA athletes are professionals who have discipline, love and respect for each other and for their fellowmen. It is hoped that Robert Hinds will contribute to improving the sport here and make it the professional and respected sport it is and deserves to be on Aruba as well.

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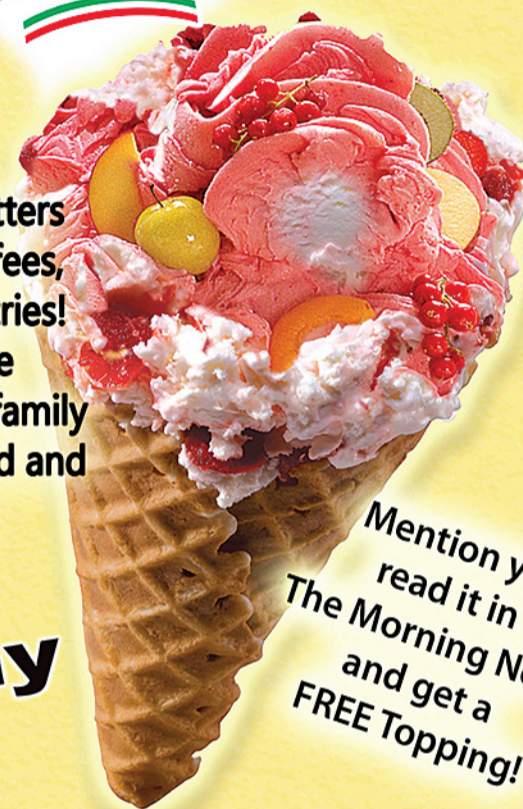
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## Obama 'pleased' NFL referee lockout ended



NEW YORK (AFP) - National Football League officials reached a deal with their referees' union late Wednesday to end a lockout and regular officials were back on the field with a game yesterday in Baltimore.

The settlement came about 48 hours after replacement officials botched a game-deciding call on the

final play of a Monday night game to give Seattle a victory over Green Bay and pressure mounted upon the league to make a deal.

"Our officials will be back on the field starting tomorrow night," said NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, according to a statement on the league's website.

"We appreciate the com-

mitment of the NFL Referees Association in working through the issues to reach this important agreement."

"Our board of directors has unanimously approved taking this proposed collective bargaining agreement to the membership for a ratification vote," said union president Scott Green.

Final details of the deal were not immediately released.

Replacement referees worked pre-season games and the first three weeks of the NFL regular season, with a growing number of complaints from fans, players and coaches about the fill-ins' performance.

Officials called in from the lower-level collegiate ranks were struggling to keep pace with the speed and physicality of the NFL game.

"Welcome back REFS glad y'all was able to get a

deal done but thanks to replacements refs 4 trying their best given da circumstances," said Buffalo Bills running back C.J. Spiller in a Twitter posting.

Players' safety and league credibility were compromised, critics argued, and the final play of replacement players summed up the mess on Monday when one official signaled a touchdown and another an interception on the last play.

The call was ruled a touchdown and a video review upheld the decision.

However, television reviews replayed for days showed Green Bay defender M.D. Jennings outleaping Seattle receiver Golden Tate for the pickoff even though Tate also managed to grab the ball with his arms around Jennings.

"It's something that unfortunately went against us, but

we're actually moving on," Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "There's nothing we can do about it."

Meanwhile US President Barack Obama is "very pleased" that the NFL has reached a deal with referees to end a labor dispute.

"The president is very pleased that the two sides have come together to resolve their differences and ensure that going forward, when we watch our favorite teams play in the NFL, we can focus on the players and the game rather than the officiating."

Obama on Tuesday weighed in on the referee dispute personally, saying the end of Monday's game was "terrible."

"I've been saying for months we've got to get our refs back," Obama said on Tuesday.